

# Getting Started

## Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Appellate Court)

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**IMPORTANT:** This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Application for Waiver of Court Fees* and *Order for Waiver of Court Fees* forms in the appellate court. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *How to Ask the Appellate Court to Participate in an Appeal for Free* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

<b>Names of the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> (Appellate Court)</li><li>• <i>Order for Waiver of Court Fees</i> (Appellate Court)</li></ul>
<b>Purpose of the forms:</b>	To ask the court to let you participate in an appeal for free.
<b>Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:</b>	All cases filed with the appellate court.
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:</b>	Unless you receive 1 or more benefits listed in Section 4 of the <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Appellate Court)</i> , you will need to know the income and expense information for the past 12 months for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• yourself, and</li><li>• the people you support who live with you.</li></ul>
<b>Statutes covering the forms:</b>	There are no statewide rules covering the forms, but each appellate court will grant an <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> in appropriate circumstances.
<b>Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/">http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/</a> .
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>How to Ask the Appellate Court to Participate in an Appeal for Free</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also contact the appellate court where you are filing your case. You can find the contact information for the appropriate appellate court at: <a href="http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/AppellateCourt/default.asp">http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/AppellateCourt/default.asp</a> . Find more information at: <a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/LanguageAccess/Guide_for_Appeals_to%20the_Illinois_Appellate_Court.pdf">http://illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/LanguageAccess/Guide_for_Appeals_to%20the_Illinois_Appellate_Court.pdf</a> .